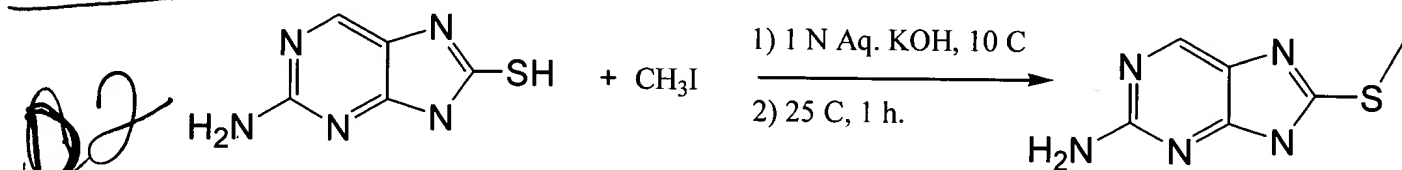


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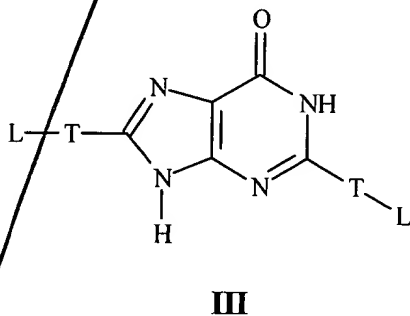
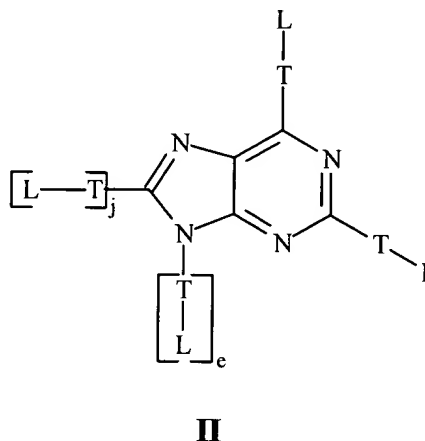
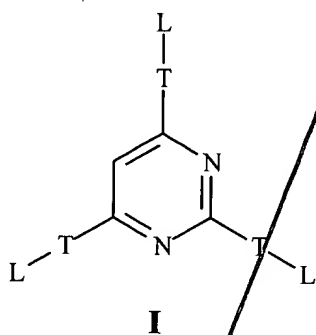


In the Claims:

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Please cancel claim 32 and insert claim 33 therefor as follows:

--33. A mixture comprising a set of at least six chemical compounds having a common heterocyclic scaffold bearing functionalizable atoms, wherein said set of compounds is represented by one of structures I, II or III:



wherein for structure I:

each tether moiety T is a single bond or -NH(R¹)NH-, -NH(R¹)O-, -NHR²NH-, -NHR²SO₂NH-, -NHR¹-, -N(R⁴)₂-, -N=N-, O, S, Se, -P(=O)(O)₂, NH, OR², OR³, malonato, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, or morpholino;

R¹ is alkylene; R² is aryl; R³ is H or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl; R⁴ is alkyleneoxy; and

each chemical substituent L is, independently, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₂-C₁₀ alkenyl, substituted C₂-C₁₀ alkenyl, C₂-C₁₀ alkynyl, substituted C₂-C₁₀ alkynyl, C₄-C₇ carbocyclic alkyl, substituted C₄-C₇ carbocyclic alkyl, C₄-C₁₀ alkenyl carbocyclic, substituted C₄-C₁₀ alkenyl carbocyclic, C₄-C₁₀ alkynyl carbocyclic, substituted C₄-C₁₀ alkynyl carbocyclic, a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur containing saturated heterocycle, a substituted nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur containing saturated heterocycle, a benzo-fused heterocycle, a substituted benzo-fused heterocycle, a substituted or unsubstituted saturated mixed heterocycle; wherein each of the substituent groups is selected from a group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, benzyl, nitro, thiol, thioalkyl, thioalkoxy and halo; or L is, independently, piperazine, pyridazine, pyrazine, triazine, phthalimido, an ether having 2 to 10 carbon atoms and 1 to 4 oxygen or sulfur atoms, a metal coordination group, a conjugate group, hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, thiol, keto, carboxyl, NR¹R², CONR¹, amidine, guanidine, glutamyl, nitro, nitrate, nitrile, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, NH-alkyl, N-dialkyl, O-aralkyl, S-aralkyl, NH-aralkyl, azido, hydrazino, hydroxylamino, sulfoxide, sulfone, sulfide, disulfide, silyl, a nucleosidic base, an amino acid side chain, a carbohydrate, a drug or a group capable of hydrogen bonding;

and for structures II and III:

each tether moiety T is a single bond or -NH(R¹)NH-, -NH(R¹)O-, -NHR²NH-, -NHR²SO₂NH-, -NHR¹-, -N(R⁴)₂-, -N=N-, O, S, Se, -P(=O)(O)₂, NH, OR², OR³, malonato, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholino, imidazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, indolyl, 1H-indolyl, α -carbolinyl, carbazolyl, phenothiazinyl, phenoxazinyl, tetrazolyl, or triazolyl;

R¹ is alkylene; R² is aryl; R³ is H or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl; R⁴ is alkyleneoxy; and

each chemical substituent L is, independently, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₂-C₁₀ alkenyl, substituted C₂-C₁₀ alkenyl, C₂-C₁₀ alkynyl, substituted C₂-C₁₀ alkynyl, C₄-C₇ carbocyclic

alkyl, substituted C₄-C₇ carbocyclic alkyl, C₄-C₁₀ alkenyl carbocyclic, substituted C₄-C₁₀ alkenyl carbocyclic, C₄-C₁₀ alkynyl carbocyclic, substituted C₄-C₁₀ alkynyl carbocyclic, C₆-C₁₄ aryl, substituted C₆-C₁₄ aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur containing heterocycle, a substituted nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur containing heterocycle, a mixed heterocycle, or a substituted mixed heterocycle; wherein each of the substituent groups is selected from a group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, benzyl, nitro, thiol, thioalkyl, thioalkoxy and halo; or L is, independently, phthalimido, an ether having 2 to 10 carbon atoms and 1 to 4 oxygen or sulfur atoms, a metal coordination group, a conjugate group, hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, thiol, keto, carboxyl, NR¹R², CONR¹, amidine, guanidine, glutamyl, nitro, nitrate, nitrile, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, NH-alkyl, N-dialkyl, O-aralkyl, S-aralkyl, NH-aralkyl, azido, hydrazino, hydroxylamino, sulfoxide, sulfone, sulfide, disulfide, silyl, a nucleosidic base, an amino acid side chain, a carbohydrate, a drug or a group capable of hydrogen bonding; and

each j and e is 0 or 1, with the sum of J and e equal to 1.--

In claims ~~2-6, 8,~~ and 24-26, please delete "claim 32" and insert therefor --claim 33--.

Please cancel claims ~~14-19~~ without prejudice.

Please amend claims 7 and 9-13 as follows:

7. (amended) The mixture of claim [32] 33 wherein at least one of the functionalizable atoms on said heterocyclic scaffold is [nucleophilic] nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.

9. (amended) The mixture of claim 8 wherein at least one functionalizable atom on said tether moiety is [nucleophilic] nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.

10. (amended) The mixture of claim 8 wherein the at least one functionalizable atom on the tether moiety is substituted with [a set of] said chemical substituents L.

11. (amended) The mixture of claim [8] 10 wherein [the set of] said chemical substituents comprise a leaving group prior to substitution on said [on the] tether moiety [are electrophilic].